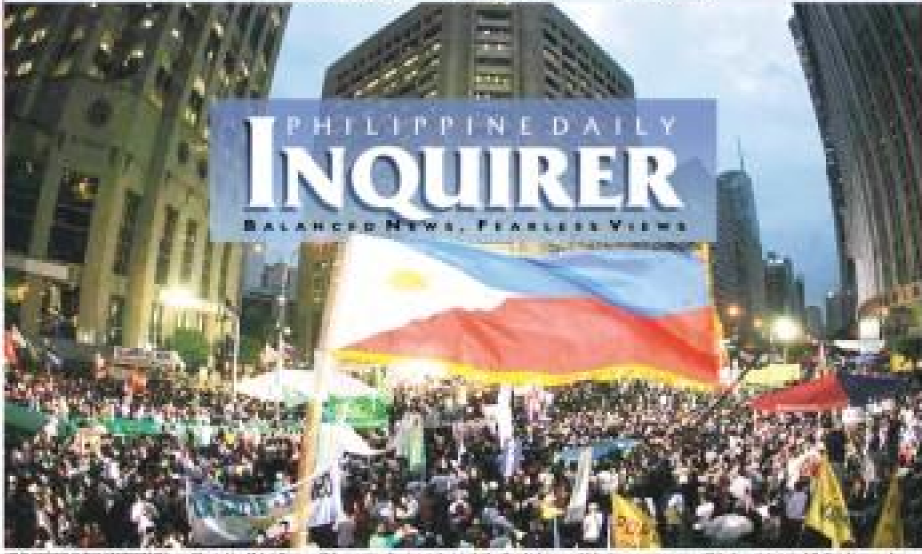


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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

"THE CROWD IS THE STATEMENT," says Alberto Lim, Makati Business Club executive director, at the interfaith rally.

Festive, peaceful protest

Makati declared no-fly zone for 3 hrs

FOR THREE HOURS YESTERday, a virtual security shield covered the country's financial center, where thousands had massed to demand President Macapagal-Arroyo's resignation.

Now, student power is in flower



STRANGE STIRRING SIGHT Once bitter foes, former Presidents Cory Aquino and Joseph Estrada are pulled together by a common cause.

'Rally sign of political maturity'

FESTIVE WAS YESTERDAY'S INTERFAITH RALly, which was marked by prayer, poetry and presidential chant, with a warning of God's wrath thrown in.

4 bishops among marchers

Crame meet caps 'normal' work day for GMA

3 out of 4 Metro folk don't trust GMA, says latest survey

'I am the President … You're just a housewife'





Prince Harry pulled out of Afghanistan

LONDON—THE BRITISH MILItary decided Friday to pull Prince Harry "immediately" out of Afghanistan after news of his deployment leaked out in the media, the Ministry of Defense said.

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2 execs no-show at DOJ probe

NBN probers want powers to force witnesses to testify

TWO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO HAD EARlier promised to appear at yesterday's hearing of the Department of Justice on the controversial ZTE-NBN deal were a no-show.

Pain of penalty

Source of P500,000

Abalos family hurting



ABALOS

Demonized

Wife losing sleep

Finally, Senate agrees to give witness security

THE SENATE HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE security for Dante Madriaga, the latest to have presented himself as a witness in the allegedly overpriced National Broadband Network deal with China's ZTE Corp.

'One-man factory of lies'

FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CHIEF OF STAFF Michael Defensor yesterday asked senators not to entertain claims made by new witness Dante Madriaga, whom he described as a "one-man factory of lies."

Gaite's rich uncle says P.5M came from him

Foreigner in GMA slay plot nabbed



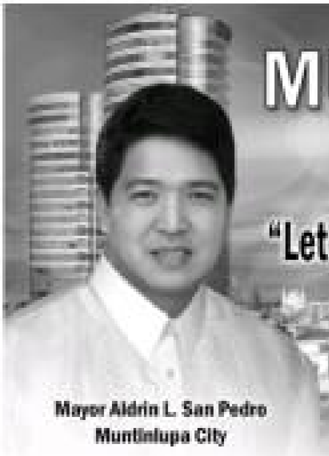




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March 1, 2008

"Let us work together for a better Muntinlupa"



Mayor Aldrin L. San Pedro
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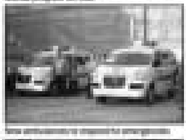
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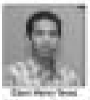




















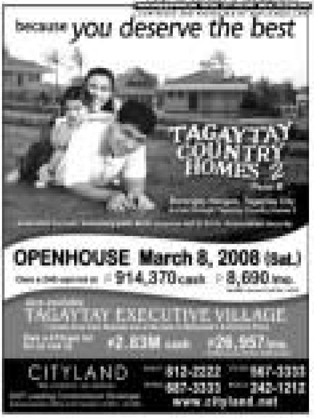


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97% aware of NBN-ZTE

Lozada most trusted

Escudero tops approval ratings



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No coward

Masses, protests held in towns and cities nationwide

By Inquirer Bureaus



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Most senators wary about joining rally

Festive, peaceful protest



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'Crowd is statement'

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4 bishops among marchers

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Convicted solon appeals other case

By Jocelyn R. Uy

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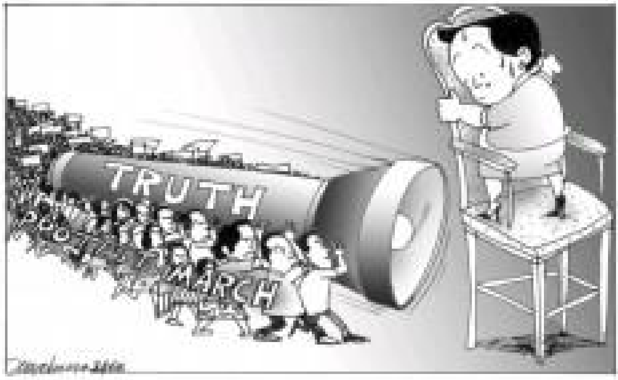
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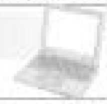
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Katigbak-Luz clan reunion

Car smuggling in Cebu persists despite tough words from execs

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CEBU CITY—THERE SEEMS TO BE NO STOPping car smuggling in this city's port.

Bishops point to mining, logging as flood causes

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FLOODED Legazpi City street

36,794 evacuees languish in Bicol evacuation sites

UN seen massacre case's venue

MERCURY DRUG - OPERATION BIGAY LUNAS 2008



Today, March 1, 2008, Mercury Drug is celebrating its 63rd anniversary by conducting "OPERATION BIGAY LUNAS" (OBL) in 63 cities and municipalities nationwide. The OBL is an annual, all-day free consultations and medicines for patients. It aims to serve more than 100,000 patients this year. This undertaking will be made possible through the cooperation of its business partners, provincial governors, city and municipal mayors. This is a way of thanking its customers, who continually patronize and support the company.

The "OPERATION BIGAY LUNAS" is part of Mercury Drug's social contributions to improve the quality of healthcare in the community.

INQUIRER Visayas

Closely guarding Apo's marine riches

By Ana Pal
Dauin, Negros Oriental

LIFE SEEMED A LOT BETTER FOR APO ISLAND'S barangay chair Liberty Pascobello-Rhodes before her involvement in the marine sanctuary in Dauin, Negros Oriental.



UNREGULATED tourism may prove disastrous for the people of Apo Island, whose pioneering efforts in coastal resource management have become the envy of the world.

Top 10 diving sites

New enemies



TOP 10 PHILIPPINE DIVING SITES

Anilao (Batangas)
Puerto Galera (Oriental Mindoro)
...



APO ISLAND barangay captain Liberty Pascobello-Rhodes.



POLICE point a gun at Iloilo board member Niel Tupas Jr.

They won't forget the police assault

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Iloilo City

MORE THAN A YEAR since the Iloilo provincial capitol was attacked by policemen last year, people of Iloilo still could not forget the incident that involved their governor.

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NERI IS WHISKED off to a waiting vehicle after a UP Board of Regents meeting in Davao.



GRIM FACES on the campus wait for Neri to speak up.

Neri flees from irate UP students in Davao

DAVAO CITY—AFTER AGREEING TO FACE protesting students at the University of the Philippines-Mindanao yesterday, Commission on Higher Education Chair Romulo Neri backed off from the promised meeting by trying to slip out of the school's main building, only to be chased by students shouting "Speak up!" and "Coward!"

The students waited for Neri outside the building, chanting and waving streamers and placards, asking for Neri to listen to their complaints on the high cost of education and for him to tell the truth behind the controversial NBN-ZTE deal.

Some of the placards read: "Ang tunay na maginoo, nagsasabi ng totoo" (The true gentleman tells the truth) and "Ang tunay na gentleman, hindi kampi sa Kawatan" (The true gentleman does not side with thieves).

Shaheen Abdulwahid, chair of the UP Diliman Student Council and a member of the UP board of regents representing the students, convinced Neri, who heads the board, to go out and talk to the protesters after the meeting.

Upon learning that Neri was trying to slip out of the building, the protesters, a number of them from the League of Filipino Students and Anakbayan, angrily chased after Neri, who was tightly guarded by security escorts.

Act of cowardice

The frustrated students continued their demonstration for five more minutes, calling for Neri's resignation as head of the board of regents and for President Macapagal-Arroyo to immediately vacate Malacañang.

Mohjel Dante Dree Camacho, the UP-Mindanao student council president, said Neri's actions reflected the government's penchant for allegedly tricking the people.

"He said he would face [us] and talk to us. Turning his back on us is an ultimate act of cowardice," Camacho said.

Tina Mejos, editor in chief of UP-Mindanao's *Ulman* and one of the three who chased Neri, claimed to have been accidentally "elbowed" by one of Neri's security aides.

UP professor Raine Baryes Tapa said she was enraged at the sight of a high government official "totally [losing] his remaining honesty by surrendering to cowardice."

"He evaded the encounter and thus deprived the public, the students, of the truth... Why run away?" Tapa said.

Abdulwahid blamed Neri's security detail. She said Neri was willing to face the students but his security aides stopped him and instead escorted him to the car waiting to take him to the airport.

"From what I know, Neri really wanted to speak to the students but his security detail told him not to," Abdulwahid said. *Jeffrey M. Tupas, Inquirer Mindanao*

Solon may stand trial over pork

A FORMER CONGRESSMAN, WHO HAS pleaded mental illness in his defense, may not be able to escape trial for 31 criminal charges that have been filed against him.

The Special Prosecutor's office has asked the Sandiganbayan to proceed with the arraignment of Constantino Navarro Jr., a former Surigao del Norte representative, after Navarro failed to prove "mental incapacity" to stand trial.

Navarro was charged with 31 counts of graft and malversation for failing to explain before the Commission on Audit where P11.8 million of the P13.8-million Countrywide Development Fund that he had at his disposal from 1997 to 1998 went.

The former congressman was also asked to account for the allegedly overpriced purchase of school supplies, medicines, drug testing kits and other public goods for his district.

In an omnibus motion, Raymundo Obispo, director of the prosecution bureau, informed the antigraft court's First Division that Navarro has refused to submit himself for testing by medical specialists appointed by the court.

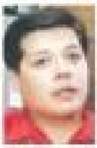
"There is therefore no basis remaining for him to assert a lack of sufficient reason to fully comprehend the charges against him," Obispo said. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

Aplus METRO

Down with Eusebio streamers–Dudut

Says Pasig mayor's announcement of recount win premature move

ROBERT "DUDUT" JAWORSKI, defeated candidate for the mayor's post in Pasig City, has asked the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to order the removal of Mayor Robert Eusebio's streamers announcing his win in the recount of votes.

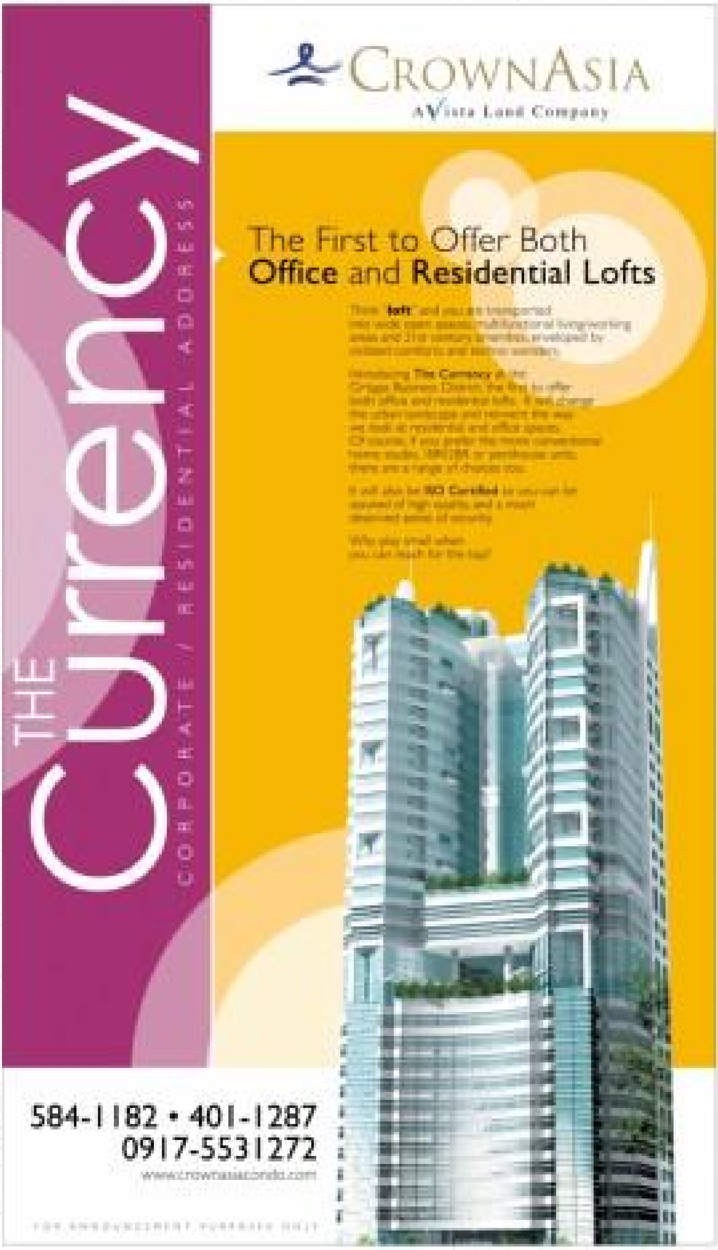


JAWORSKI



EUSEBIO

Marine park opens to public today



MetroBriefs

Milk feeding program for free

Navotas keeps youth busy

Need help of LTO? Just send text to 2600

Taguig students, out-of-school youth get vocational school scholarships

By Julie M. Aurelio

Mote in your neighbor's eyes

ON TARGET



Ramon Tulfo

China to reconsider one-child limit





Obama cutting into Clinton's edge among superdelegates

Kenya's leaders to share power to end violence



Betancourt chained to tree by rebels

BOGOTA—COLOMBIAN REBELS chained ailing hostage Ingrid Betancourt to a tree and forced her to go without boots as a punishment after she tried to flee her jungle camp, said a fellow captive freed this week.

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BETANCOURT in a March 26, 2001 photo and a recent photograph taken in the Colombian jungles. AP

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More than 1 in 100 in US behind bars

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN US HISTORY, more than one in 100 American adults are behind bars, according to a new report.

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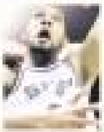


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Burger King tests debuting RP Youth five today

War moves back to playing arena

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Pacman: Lightweight, here I come



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Canlubang set for most lopsided win



By Francis A. Gonzales

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"Nothing to be ashamed of"

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Squires survive Tiger Cubs for PSBL basketball crown

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Cyclists may suffer as PSC holds PhilCycling cash

Overpriced equipment

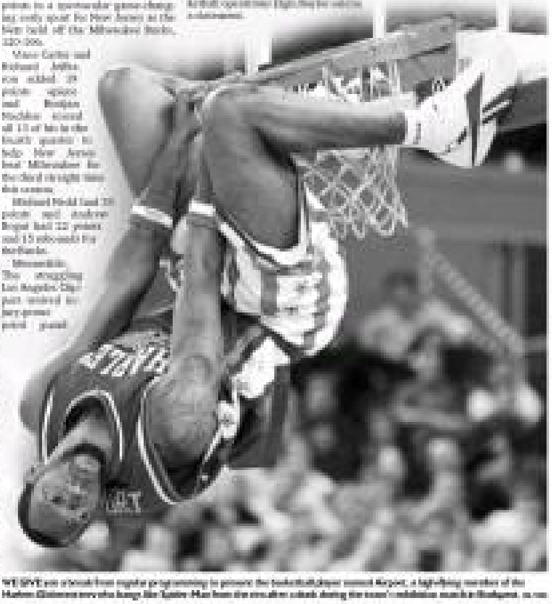


IBF OKs Banal-Herrera Apr. 6 Manila eliminator

SW Cobras sink fangs into UL 5, gain finals

Spurs reach 7th heaven

Duncan shines; Lakers tally tenth straight triumph

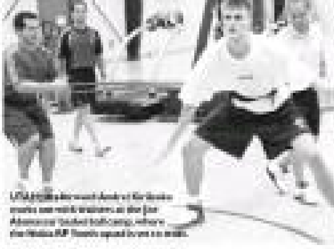


Mindanao schools brace for Nestea qualifiers



De La Hoya: This is my last year

Nokia RP Youth squad to shape up in NBA training center





Marcelo, Buncio 2007's best racers



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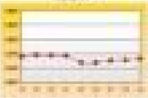
February inflation seen at 4.8-5.5%

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Stocks close higher



Peso firms up at 40.455 to a dollar

By Doris C. Dumlao

AVERAGE CONSUMER PRICES IN THE COUNTRY likely rose by 4.8-5.5 percent year-on-year in February due to an upsurge in food prices, the inflation-targeting Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said yesterday.

SM Prime acquires 3 malls in China

By Daxim L. Lucas

Banks' bad loan ratio down to 4.45% in 2007, BSP says

By Doris C. Dumlao

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DOF: No more advance tax payments

Finance exec wants to minimize confusion in revenue collection



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Changes in BIR seen to spur efficiency

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Galoc oil wells 'exceed expectation'

Production seen at 23,000 barrels a day

Gold prices zoom, eye $1,000



SCIENCE/HEALTH

Anemia drugs up death risk in cancer patients, study says

CHICAGO—TREATING CANCER patients with anemia drugs increases their risk of blood clots and death, US researchers said on Tuesday, confirming concerns about these widely used drugs.



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Queena N. Lee-Chua

"FACTORING IS DIFFICULT FOR MY STUDENTS, especially quadratic trinomials," writes a teacher down South who wants to remain anonymous. "Can you suggest ways to make it easier?"

Balik Scientist

Pedia group goes to Cebu

St. Luke's 'smart technologies' provide precise tumor targeting

CAREPLUS



Angelo Fabrigas

'Smart beam'

Lessens side effects

Respiratory gating

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TYPE 1 cabin



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TYPE 1 cabin

Tagaytay log houses stand tall amid lowlands' bustle

By Tessa R. Salazar

THEY CAN BUSTLE ALL they want, these high-end developments in the Laguna area. But when it comes to the question of who will literally stand tall among these, the answer doesn't lie with Lucio Tan's Eton Properties and his man-made lake surrounding mansions, or with the ultra-exclusive Ayala Premier's Abrio. The answer lies a few kilometers away and about 600 meters up.

Sixty luxurious log homes inside the Tagaytay Highlands mountain resort are set to be constructed. Once completed, these houses will literally look down on the Laguna sprawl.

This new project, called Woodlands Point, will boast North American-style log cabins highlighted by floor-to-ceiling glass windows and stone accents. The project is slated for completion by end 2009. The cabin designs are inspired by their rustic counterparts in North America and Canada, the replication complete with Western red cedar accents and elegant detailing of glass stones.

The Woodlands Point is situated near fairway 15 of the Tagaytay Highlands golf course, adjacent to the complex's popular rustic wood and stone communities of The Woodridge Park, The Woodridge and the Woodlands.

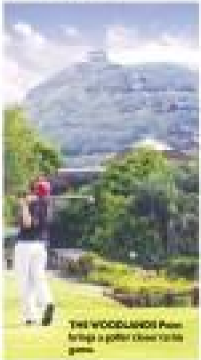
Log homes

Woodlands Point's log homes will have three-bedroom classic models and four-bedroom luxury models, with floor areas ranging from 250 to 320 sq.m.

Each home's single detached lot will be arranged on a horizontal condominium basis to ensure the best possible landscaping maintenance. Each home is estimated to cost P27 million.



A REPRESENTATIONAL photo of a Woodlands Point bedroom



THE WOODLANDS Point brings a golfer closer to his game

Green Chic: Brittany breaks ground in Avant at The Fort





'Green' architecture

Ecological responsiveness



Robinsons Cybergate Plaza to be completed by 2009



Another plus

Growing portfolio

Enjoying loft living, shopping at Eton Emerald Lofts

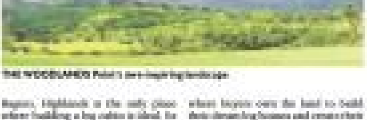


Landmark project

Becoming popular

Making loft lifestyle comfy

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Primary homes

The Hillside

Smart farming, healthy living

Living Architecture



Marcus de Guzman Jr.

More developers should look to the countryside not just another vast tract to pave and subdivide for the growing urban community

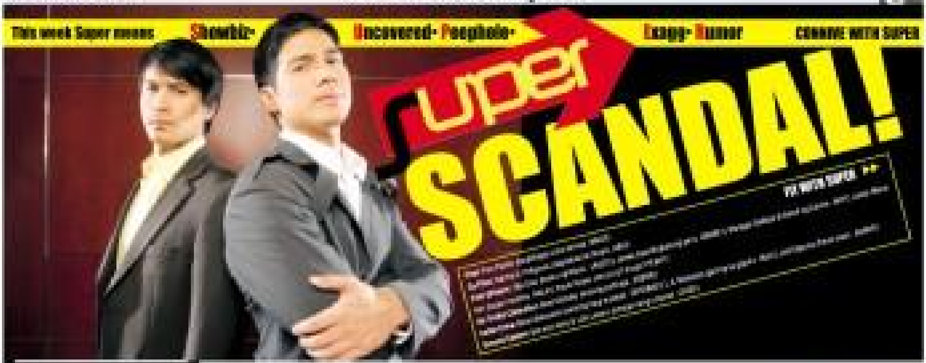
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Affordable farm lot

How to buy real estate (almost) worry-free



Groundbreaking sets The Capital Towers in motion



Sam and Piolo, EXPOSED
by Juana Manahan and Wanggo Gallaga

EXCLUSIVE
Gossip Girl's Gossip Guy
by Juana Manahan

ONLY HERE
Closet case
by James Gabrillo

Win
Incubus tickets and Gossip Girl books

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Super supports:
Jun Lozada
Juno
Brangelina's twins
Rockeoke
Turkish Airlines
Embassy of Kazakhstan
Barack Obama
The end of the writers' strike

CAUGHT! on camera

Sam and Piolo spill it here and

By Joana Plaridan
and Wengge Sabugo
Photos by Melvin Aquilino

IT'S CALLED CRAB mentality. Throw a bunch of crabs in a basket and they climb on top of each other in hopes to get out. When one gets on top of the other, the others just pull them down. Never is this more prevalent than in show business; you know when a star has made it when you hear scandalous rumors. Just ask Piolo Pascual and Sam Milby. No introduction needed. Everything they touch turns to gold and they don't seem to be losing steam.

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The dirty, ugly entertainment industry

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The last laugh is theirs

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SUPER SCOOP

Gossip Grrr

Ed Westwick of Gossip Girl stabs Super in the back XOXO

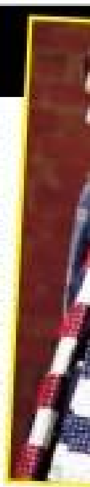
By Joana Plaridan

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RESIDENT EVIL Chuck Bass is ranked he's good



...nowhere else!







The gossip on Gossip Girl

Super Freebie



Where is Sara?



FULL FORCE



THE HUNT CONTINUES. Catherine Willows heads to the desert.



Happy hour

Rock with this musical



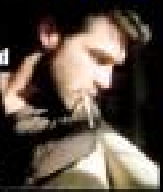
Rainbow connection

THUNDER ROAD



James Gabrillo

The buzz on design's most exciting pin-up kid from Barcelona



ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS have always kept an eye on the continuous change of human maps. They are controlled by such changes.

Musicians and audiovisual artists have always observed how positive and negative encounters are produced and have pointed out abuses and contradictions through their work. They look for bridges, passages, and sign languages that permit communication.

In Barcelona's world of artistic expression, particularly in design, pieces with aggressive messages, bold prints, and impossible cuts are setting the game for a cutting-edge urban look for the masses.

First-class street cule

One of them is Edward Ballester Jr, the young designer behind the men's fashion brand XBB. After completing his studies in Madrid and Barcelona (Arts Applied to Advertising at the Escola d'Art d'Olot, Digital Design and Multimedia and Fashion Design at the BCD), he started creating his brand's first collection without expecting that he'd be one of the country's most exciting designers.

Edward went on to make his debut at Murcia's Open Fashion Show. Afterwards, he presented his collections at Barcelona's Gaudí Fashion Show for three seasons. This was followed with his international debut in Paris where the discriminating crowd of experienced designers and fashion journalists clapped him.

In his latest collection, "Tomorrow," he chooses to explore the world of [illegible] with the basics: T-shirts, trousers, and Bermuda shorts.

In this Super clincher, Edward

RAINBOW D2





Rainbow connection





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Foundation nation

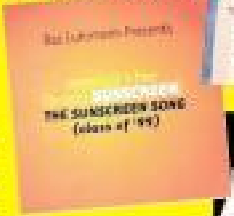


SUPER SELECTS

Wear Sunscreen

Or visit the SPF Clothing Store, if you can't stand the stickiness

By Paolo R. Reyes









IN PRAISE OF THE SUNSCREEN. SPF's cool swimwear for sun seekers of all stripes.



Win tickets to the Incubus concert!

Super and MTV are giving away tickets to the Incubus concert in Araneta Coliseum on March 9. Just tell us why you deserve to watch Incubus live and send your entries to super@inquirer.com.ph by midnight tonight. Don't forget to include your name, age and contact info.

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SUPER RADAR







Saturday Special



JOHANSSON (far left) leans to Obama (second from left), while Portman (above) supports Clinton.

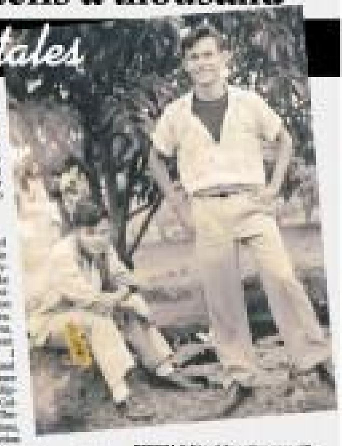
Johansson, Portman support different presidential bets

Only IN Hollywood



Ruben V. Nepales

Vintage photo tells a thousand Lino Brocka tales



BROCKA (left) and the author were still teenagers when they posed for this picture in 1958.

First rehearsal

Attention

Missionaries

Home-cooked treats



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Sandy Daza

Chinese restaurant

Happy eating!

'3:10 to Yuma' revives Western genre



BALE: Plays a struggling rancher in James Mangold's action drama.

Outlaws

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Power celebrities on 'Oprah'

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'Naked Brothers Band' premieres on Nickelodeon on March 6.

Movies on TV



FOXX: Appears on "Oprah" on March 14.

On MGM Channel

On National Geographic Channel

At Rizal Park

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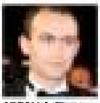
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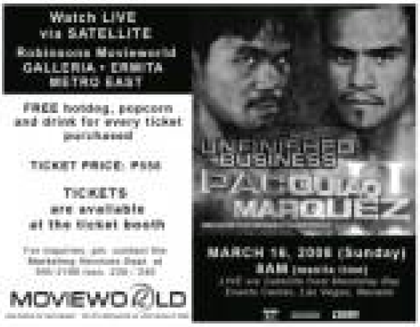


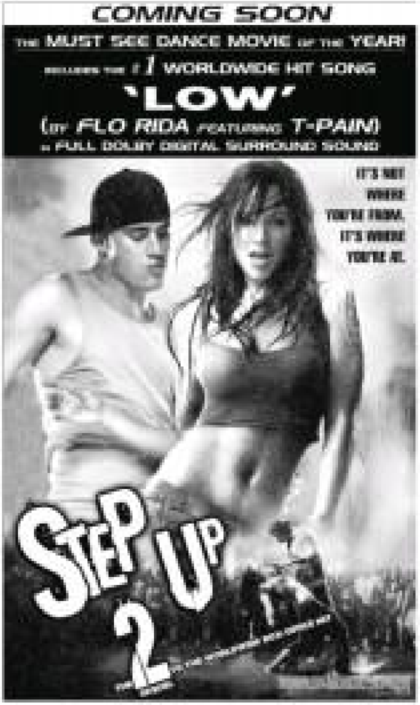
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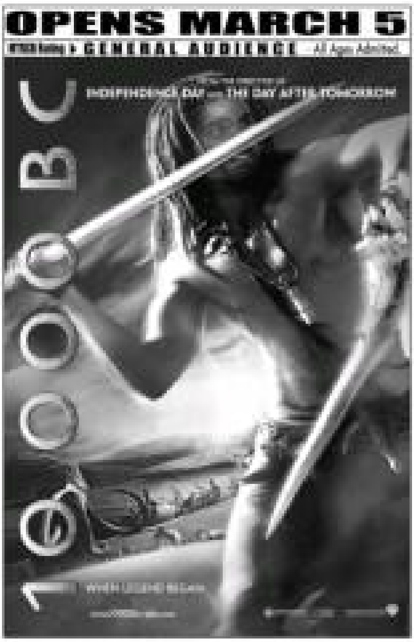












Nora Aunor's stellar career is far from over



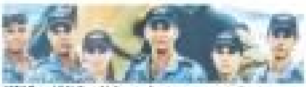
SOME SHOW BIZ PEOPLE DESCRIBE NORA Aunor as a has-been, a former superstar down on her luck, a movie luminary whose time to shine has passed.

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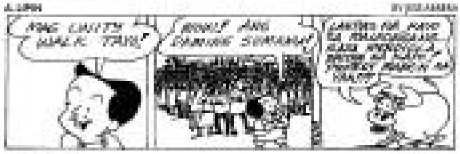
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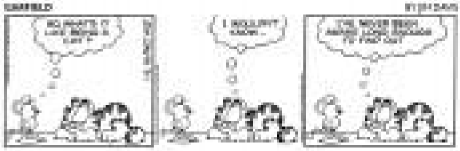
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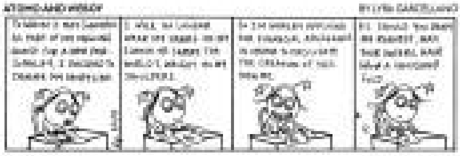
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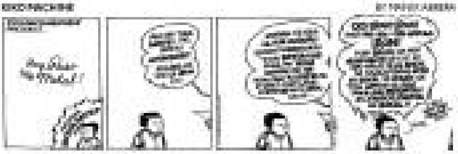
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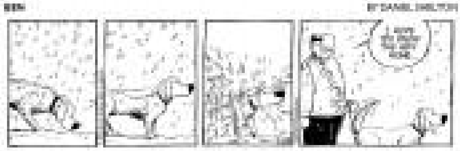
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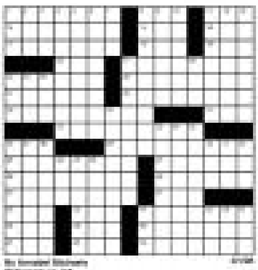
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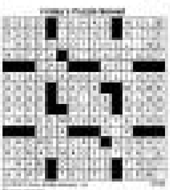


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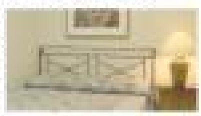
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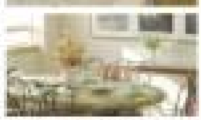
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Batanes trip exhilarates, invigorates

STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero



FIFTEEN PARTICIPANTS in our photo safari flew to Batanes last Feb. 22-25, and had a fun adventure. And, traveling with a camera made the experience even more satisfying and thrilling!

Panoramic views

The sky was overcast when we arrived in Batanes. Nevertheless, the weather added "mood" to the pictures. Obvious, panoramic views were everywhere, but even the small details were just as interesting.

We told the participants that people are important elements in travel pictures. To capture group photographs, it's essential to put in actions and expressions—which are accomplished by proper coaching.

The latest batch is made up of enthusiastic and good-natured people. With cameras in hand, nothing escaped their eyes! They caught remarkably evocative images of Batanes.

Topics

The last night of the photo safari was spent critiquing the participants' chosen photos. Topics covered were Portraiture, Fashion, Nature and Abstract Photography, [illegible] and architecture.

We told them to continue reading about photography, to shoot often, get as much experience as possible—and expose themselves to situations to observe how pictures are light.

Since photographs operate with light, they must be aware of this indispensable element. To be visually adept, they have to be well-rounded!

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Join the Batanes Photo Safari on March 7-10 and 21-24, and the trip in April and May. Email mandynavasero@yahoo.com, or call 890-1767. Visit us at Rm. 227, LRI Design Plaza, 210 Nicanor Garcia st., Bel-Air II, Makati City.



PARTICIPANTS of photo safari at the Diura Fishing Village.

Cinevita festival showcases life-affirming films

THERE ARE FILM FESTIVALS and film festivals, but UST's Cinevita at the University of Santo Tomas is unique because it focuses on positive, life-affirming features, short films and documentaries.

This is a focus that isn't easy to find, and yet, many moviegoers feel a need for it, so Cinevita deserves our appreciative patronage. Its second edition will unreel from March 5 to 7 at UST's TARC Auditorium. The keynote speaker this year is Inquirer columnist and section editor, Rosario U. Torre.

Orphans

Sponsored by UST's The Varsitarian campus publication, Cinevita 2008's screening schedule starts with Brillante Mendoza's "Foster Child" at 9 a.m. The Seiko Films production makes a good opening film for Cinevita because it tells the story of a surrogate mother (Cherry Pie Picache) who takes care of foundlings and orphans before they get adopted.

Its companion film, at 10:30 a.m. is "A Child from China," Ariana Santiago's short documentary about an American couple adopting Chinese children who are victims of China's one-child policy. At 11 a.m., Brillante Mendoza speaks at a forum.

At 2 p.m., Richard Arrowsmith's "Five People You Meet in Heaven" dramatizes the search for the meaning of life. It's about an 83-year-old war veteran who dies while trying to save a girl at an amusement park. When he awakens in the afterlife, he encounters five people who help him understand his life.

This is followed at 4 p.m. by Joey Velasco's 20-minute docu, "Kainan ng Lipunan," which tells the stories of the children in Hapag ng Pag-asa, Velasco's celebrated painting that "reinvents" the Last Supper.

The day's screenings end with "Endo," Jade Castro's feature film about young Filipinos who go from one dead-end job to the next. "Endo" stars Jason Abalos and [illegible].



CHERRY Pie Picache (right) plays a surrogate mother in the festival's opening film, "Foster Child."

The festival screenings on March 6 start early at 8 a.m., with "Estopa," a 12-minute docu by [illegible], on life along the railroad in Tondo, Manila. Its specific focus is on the rap songs composed by some of the people living there, about their personal experiences.

At 8:15, [illegible]'s "Tribu" is similarly focused on the "tribes" of young gangsters who roam the streets of Manila in search of quick fixes and dangerous thrills.

At 10 a.m., "Shadowlands" dramatizes the love affair between writers, C.S. Lewis (Anthony Hopkins) and Joy Gresham (Debra Winger).

Richard Legaspi's 19-minute "[illegible]" screens at 1 p.m., followed at 1:15 p.m. by "Huling Pamamaalam," a full-length feature starring [illegible], and [illegible]. At 2:45 p.m., [illegible]'s "[illegible]" is about a photographer's experiences in the "[illegible]" city. "Sana sa Babae" at 3:30 p.m. is about the difficult life of an impoverished girl. And, at 4 p.m., Auraeus Solito's "Pisay" relates the stories of eight Philippine Science High School students in the volatile 1980s.

American boxer

Cinevita's final day starts at 8 a.m. with the boxing feature, "The Is Pursued." At 10 a.m., "[illegible]" dramatizes a teenager's efforts to free herself from her overly controlling mother's grasp. At 10:30 a.m., "[illegible]" is about a father's relationship with his only child. "[illegible]" at 11 a.m. deals with the history of [illegible] in Mindanao.

At 1 p.m., "[illegible]" vivifies the theme of social relations. At 3:30 p.m., "[illegible]" is about the lives of small-time crooks in Quiapo. "[illegible]" at 5 p.m. deals with [illegible]. And "[illegible]" concludes the festival at 6 p.m., with its story about a blind writer's self-imposed exile.

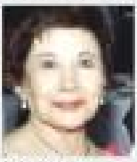
Eugenia Apostol is St. John's commencement speaker

EUGENIA DURAN APOSTOL, 2006 Ramon Magsaysay awardee for Journalism, Literature & Creative Communication Arts, will be the commencement speaker at St. John's Academy's high school graduation rites on March 28 at 8 p.m. on [illegible] st., San Juan.

A visionary writer, editor and publisher, Apostol is the founder of the Mr. & Ms. Magazine that came out with special editions on the Ninoy Aquino murder after Ninoy Aquino's assassination, and later, the Philippine Daily Inquirer, which continues to this day its reputation for integrity and independence.

St. John's Academy is the leading private secondary educational institution in San Juan since it was founded in 1938 by Concepcion Mirasol Gil, together with her six sisters—all of them teachers by profession.

Through the years, the school has upheld the teaching of exemplary English, and the pursuit of the highest standards of education.



APOSTOL: Visionary writer, editor and publisher

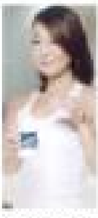
Sam's new confidence booster

AMONG TV HOST Sam Oh what fond she bites could leave you in a daze: Japanese, Mediterranean, Korean, Indian—she loves them all. No wonder she looked so carefree while she was sampling all those yummy servings on her "Kakai Oh" TV show on ETC.

But all that sometimes eating made him worry. "I didn't want to start off my interviews with unpleasant breath," she explains.

To strike a happy balance, she's turned to gargling with OraCare Mouthrinse to get rid of strong mouth odors.

Happily, she's discovered that, even if she uses OraCare Mouthrinse regularly, its mild, minty taste doesn't alter her taste buds.



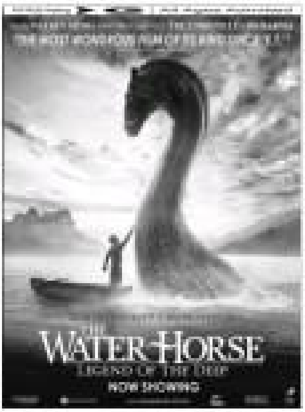
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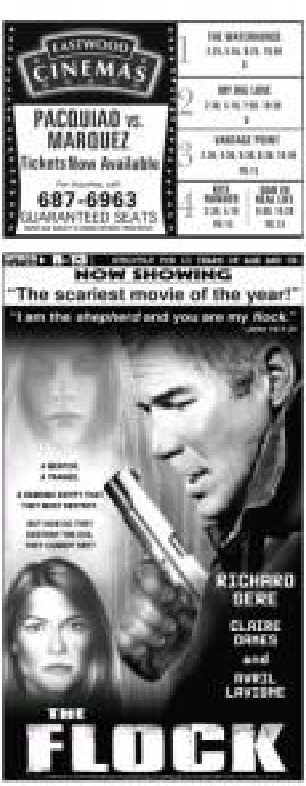
Formulation

This can be attributed to OraCare's stabilized Chlorine Dioxide formulation, which eliminates strong odors in the mouth. And, it has no alcohol, so Sam doesn't need to put up with the painful sting she used to experience with her old mouthwash.

Fans who miss seeing Sam on TV can catch up with her by listening to her daily morning radio show.

As Sam Oh goes from one career challenge to the next, she can count on OraCare Mouthrinse to give her the extra confidence she needs to keep improving and delighting her fans.







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By Nestor U. Torre

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By Rito P. Asilo



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Progress

Lumbera admires new crop of filmmakers

By Ronald S. Mangubat

NATIONAL ARTIST FOR LITERATURE Bienvenido Lumbera is a self-confessed film buff. In fact, long before he started his love affair with the printed word, he got enamored with the magical world of the silver screen by watching cowboy movies in his hometown in Lipa, Batangas.



LUMBERA: "Movies leave less time for reflection."

Title role

Lumbera's aunts were also film buffs, so they would take the young boy (as he was fondly called) to the theater to watch local movies starring Carmen Rosales and Leopoldo Salcedo.

Looking back, the 75-year-old National Artist reckons that the movies must have had a great influence on his writing career. "I used to play by myself, and I would invent imaginary stories in my mind—but my characters were mostly [illegible]," he laughingly relates in Filipino.

Today, Lumbera is a member of the film council ng Pelikulang Pilipino, a board member of the Cinemalaya Foundation and the Film Development Council of the Philippines, and a professor at the University of the Philippines. These positions enable him to watch many Filipino films.

Themes

"I admire the new crop of filmmakers now—especially those who are into independent features. They tackle themes that are not normally discussed in mainstream movies," he shares.

Good movies, he explains, should be technically polished and thematically significant. By significant, he explains that films don't have to be socially relevant all the time—they could be about something as simple as a domestic problem or a personal drama, as long as there's a fresh tweak in terms of narrative, characterization and style.

Having penned librettos of many Filipino musicals, such as "Tales of the Manuvu," "Rama Hari" and "Noli Me Tangere: The Musical," Lumbera believes that the script is the spine of the stage, film and broadcast media. "I've long wanted to write a screenplay," he reveals, "but I feel that the stories I have in mind are old and outdated—they lack the freshness that young audiences are looking for."

He explains that "freshness" doesn't necessarily mean cooking up something new. A case in point is the rich array of literary classics, which every now and then, are mined by writers and filmmakers.

Unfortunately, he says, a number of directors have been unsuccessful in transforming literary masterpieces to the big screen because of the difference between the languages of literature and cinema. Reading a literary work, he explains, is a long, solitary activity.

More graphic

On the other hand, films are more graphic. Their impact is instant, and they leave less time for reflection. So, when a literary work is adapted for the movies, Dr. Lumbera says that the screenwriter needs to make certain changes. Although the role of cinema is basically to entertain, filmmakers and screenwriters need to constantly open their consciousness up to stories that mirror the changes that are happening in our society.

Lumbera adds: "Times are changing, so filmmakers they have to study their craft well in order to create better movies. I find [illegible] too long as [illegible]. But, I am sure that our young filmmakers are taking their work seriously—and I hope that, as technology continues to improve, they will create more exciting and relevant movies."

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